

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
August 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on August 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Sarah Bunker*, Brandy Morgan* and Karen Smith* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Flag Salute followed.

2. Approval of the Minutes – 7/5/18

**ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy,
the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’
meeting of 7/5/18, into the public record. (804 yes)**

3. Communications

a. Letters

The Assistant Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Nancy Labbe, Grade 3 Teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School, effective August 24, 2018.

The Assistant Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Ann Belanger, Special Education Co-Director.

Also acknowledged and accepted were the following resignations:

- Tonya Goucher, former Ed Tech I at Mill Stream Elementary
- Erika Cates, Ed Tech III at Bloomfield Elementary
- Lisa Dodge, Ed Tech II at Bloomfield Elementary
- Janet Anderson, School Board member from Smithfield

b. School Personnel

There were no school personnel who wished to speak

c. Visitors

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

4. Committee Reports

There were no committee meeting minutes to report on.

5. Superintendent's Report

In the Superintendent's absence, the Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (804 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Assistant Superintendent shared that as of August 9, 2018, Canaan and Norridgewock were current on their monthly assessments, with August assessments due on the 20th. Cornville, Skowhegan and Smithfield were outstanding for July and August; and Mercer was outstanding for June, July and August.

c. Report on the Status of Schools

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- All school are ramping up for the start of the year.
- Remaining vacancies were reviewed and as of this date include Special Ed Co-Director, School Counselor (SAMS), Speech Therapist, Residential Construction Instructor (SCTC), as well as several Ed Tech positions.

- Summer School was a success. Over 200 students participated in the federally funded summer school programs. In addition to Special Education programming, the Title I elementary summer school had 105 students attend with a daily participation rate of 75-80. Sixty-one high school students recovered credits, attaining 73 total credits; eight students earned their diploma. Twenty-seven Middle School students participated in summer school.
- School Board Committee Assignments were distributed for review.
- Title I grants were submitted on August 1st and have been substantially approved by DOE.

6. Support Services Manager

The Support Services Manager reported that the tiling project is completed. Auctions International closed out two weeks ago and resulted in \$15,700 in revenue. There were no appeals to the DOE's school construction project list. The committee will approve the final list to the Board of Education next week. Grant opportunities for the track renovations are being explored with including the Land and Water Conservation Fund through the Maine Bureau of Parks and Land.

7. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

8. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

Peggy Lovejoy shared that the gardens at Margaret Chase Smith School are looking great and encouraged others to visit the school.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan D. Moody, Assistant Superintendent of Schools